



# LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

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# TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CITIZENS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY:

It is my pleasure to present to you Loudoun County's Annual Report for the 2006 Fiscal Year. This report highlights many of the county's accomplishments as well as the challenges we have faced over the past year.

As you read through this report, several key themes will become apparent:

## **1. Loudoun County is a very desirable place to live and work.**

The U.S. Census Bureau has recently rated Loudoun County first in the nation in both the rate of population growth and the average median household income. Nearly 8,000 jobs were added to the local economy in FY 06 alone.

Residents also tell us they like it here: In the county's biennial survey of residents, 91 percent of respondents rated Loudoun's quality of life as good or excellent.

## **2. Loudoun places a high value on education and public safety.**

About 73 percent of local tax funding – by far the largest share of the Loudoun County budget – supports education. The county's investment in the public schools is growing to keep pace with the population growth of school-age children, as the school system opened five new schools in the fall of 2005 and hired 675 new teachers.

A growing share of the general county budget supports public safety. Noteworthy public safety efforts in FY 06 included preparations for the possibility of pandemic flu and assistance with relief and recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast area following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The dozens of Loudoun employees who responded to that emergency gained experience that could prove invaluable here at home.

Loudoun's public schools and public safety agencies were highly rated by residents in the countywide survey, and 98 percent of respondents said they feel safe in their neighborhoods.

## **3. Loudoun is getting high marks for delivering quality services.**

From its AAA bond ratings by all three major bond rating agencies, to its ranking among the national Top 10 of technology-savvy county governments, to satisfaction ratings above 90 percent for most county services, Loudoun County is getting high marks for efficiently delivering quality services to the public.

Helping build and sustain quality community is the Loudoun County government's mission and it is our ongoing commitment to the public we serve.

Sincerely,



Kirby M. Bowers  
County Administrator



# 2006

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Triple Triple-A**

Standard & Poor's assigned a bond rating of AAA to Loudoun County, joining Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings as the third major bond rating agency to give Loudoun its highest rating. S&P stated that the ratings were raised "in recognition of strong tax base growth, high and rising wealth levels, and completion of a financial forecasting model that provides the county with another financial tool as it copes with ongoing development." (See page 6.)

### **Number One and Still Growing**

Loudoun County's job and population growth continued in FY 06, as nearly 8,000 jobs were added to the local economy, contributing to an increase in job growth of more than 130 percent in the past decade. Loudoun was recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau as the fastest growing county in the nation between 2004 and 2005. (See page 14.)

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Emergency preparedness continued to be among the highest priorities for Loudoun County officials. Health officials organized an exercise to test the county's plan for mass medication dispensing sites, and worked closely with other

government agencies and community groups to prepare for a possible flu pandemic. County Administrator Kirby M. Bowers underscored the importance of emergency management planning, training and exercises in a series of presentations on the State of Emergency Planning and Preparedness. (See page 10.)

### **Hurricane Relief**

Like many jurisdictions across the country, Loudoun County responded to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf States. Loudoun participated in the regional response to the disaster by sending employees from a number of county departments to Louisiana and Mississippi to

assist with recovery efforts. Also, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a donation of \$25,000 to hurricane relief and challenged other Virginia counties to match its commitment. (See page 10.)

### **Planning Loudoun's Future**

The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission continued work on major policy initiatives, including proposed changes to land use policies in the Arcola area and Route 50 corridor, rural Loudoun and what is known as the Transition Area, which is located between the Suburban and Rural Policy Areas of the county. These policies will help shape the future development of the county. (See page 14.)



### Survey Results

Loudoun residents expressed high levels of satisfaction with county services in a countywide telephone survey which was conducted to update demographic information, to determine the level of satisfaction with county services, and to obtain opinions on key county issues. Over 75 percent of respondents said that Loudoun County provides good value for the tax dollar, 98 percent said they feel safe in their neighborhoods, and 91 percent rated Loudoun's quality of life as good or excellent. (See page 20.)

### FY 07 Budget Adopted

The Board of Supervisors adopted a budget totaling

about \$1.4 billion for the county government and school system for FY 2007. The Board decreased the real property tax rate for FY 07 from \$1.04 to \$.89 per \$100 in assessed value. Coupled with an increase in the value of residential property assessments, the \$.89 tax rate resulted in an annual property tax bill increase of about 10 percent for the average homeowner. About 73 percent of local tax revenues are used to support the school system. (See page 7.)

### Youth Initiative

Loudoun's offerings for youth expanded as more than 1,500 young people attended the inaugural Loudoun Youth Fest, sponsored by the Loudoun

Youth Initiative (LYI). The Youth Fest incorporated entertainment and education and provided information and outreach on healthy youth development. LYI also launched a teen-centered website, [www.loudounteens.org](http://www.loudounteens.org), and the Loudoun County Public Library started a weekly "After Hours" Teen Center at the Cascades Library. (See pages 17 and 19.)

### Bonds Approved

In November 2005, voters approved the sale of General Obligation Bonds totaling \$180 million to fund the construction of a new high school in western Loudoun, a middle school in the Dulles area, elementary schools in the Arcola and Ashburn areas, and

renovations to Rolling Ridge, Sugarland and Hillsboro elementary schools. Voters also approved the sale of \$8 million in bonds to construct a Purcellville Fire and Rescue station. (See page 9.)

### Growing School System

Five new schools – Briar Woods and Freedom High Schools, and Legacy, Newton-Lee and Pinebrook Elementary Schools – opened in the fall of 2005, bringing the total number of schools to 68. School enrollment grew nearly eight percent in just one year, from 44,014 in 2004-2005 to 47,467 at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year, and the school system hired 675 new teachers. (See page 22.)



Among the top issues of FY 06 were (from left, facing page): the rapid pace of home construction; emergency management and preparedness; Gulf Coast post-hurricane relief and recovery efforts; youth activities; and the opening of new schools.



# Board of Supervisors

## COMPOSITION AND ROLE

Loudoun County is governed by a nine-member Board of Supervisors. The Board is headed by Chairman Scott K. York and Vice Chairman Bruce E. Tulloch.

## LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SCOTT K. YORK, *Chairman At Large*

BRUCE E. TULLOCH, *Vice Chairman, Potomac District*

JIM BURTON, *Blue Ridge District*

LORI WATERS, *Broad Run District*

SALLY R. KURTZ, *Catoctin District*

STEPHEN J. SNOW, *Dulles District*

JIM CLEM, *Leesburg District*

EUGENE DELGAUDIO, *Sterling District*

MICK STATON, *Sugarland Run District*

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is elected by the voters at large. The other supervisors are elected from each of eight election districts in the county. All nine members serve concurrent terms of four years. The current members of the Board of Supervisors were elected in November 2003 to terms beginning January 1, 2004.

The Board of Supervisors sets county policies, adopts ordinances, appropriates funds, approves land rezonings and special exceptions to the zoning ordinance, and carries out other responsibilities set forth by the State Code.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, S.E. in Leesburg. The Board's monthly public hearings are held on the second Tuesday of the month with public comment beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the public hearing beginning no later than 7:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors meetings and public hearings may be seen on Government Channel 2 on Comcast cable television in Loudoun County. Cable coverage of Board meetings and public hearings is closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. Closed-captioning allows people who are deaf or hard of hearing to follow the meetings by showing a transcript of speakers' comments at the bottom of the screen. The meetings and public hearings are also webcast live on the Loudoun County Website, [www.loudoun.gov](http://www.loudoun.gov), and the webcasts are archived.

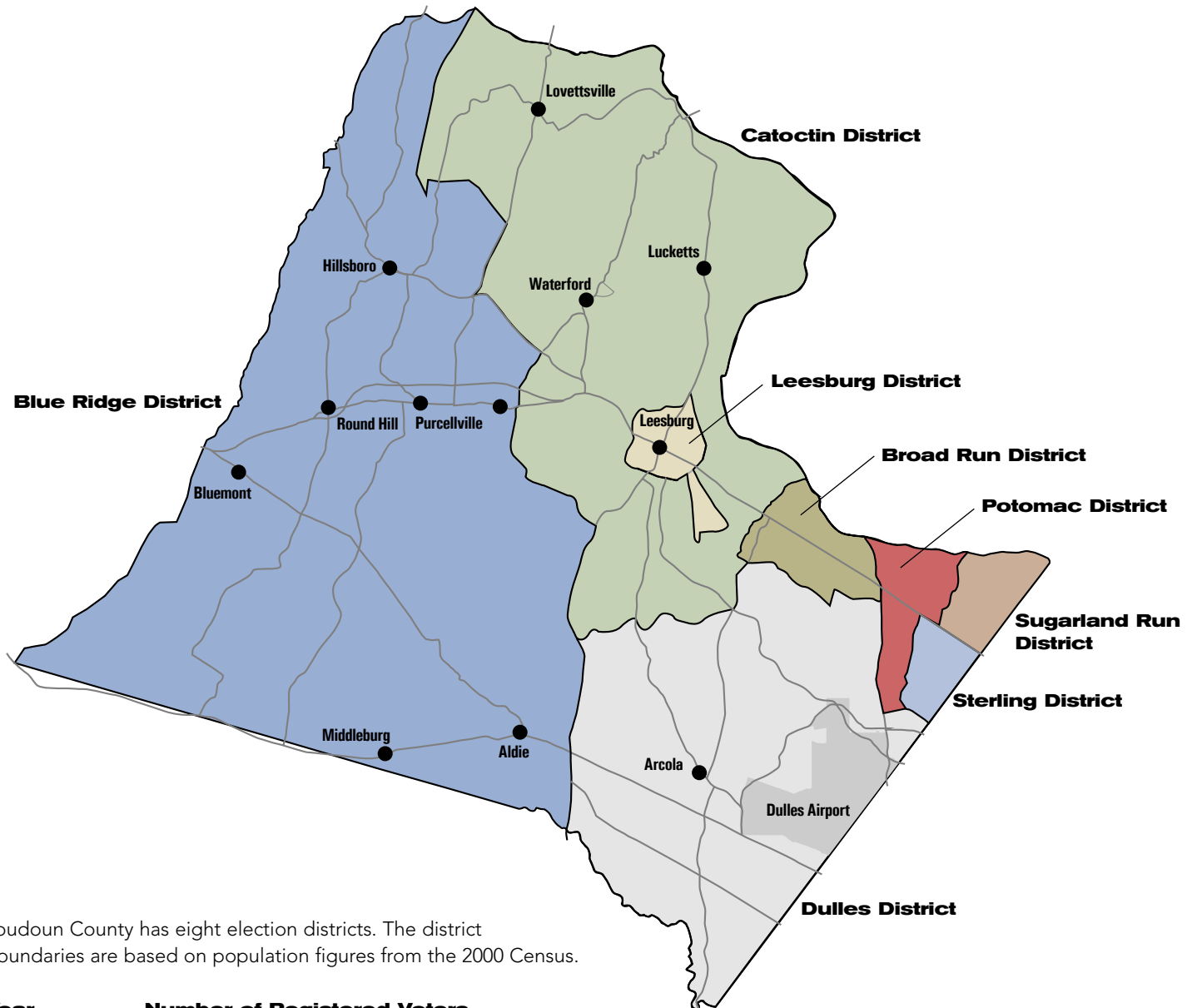
## BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board of Supervisors has five Standing Committees: the Economic Development Committee, Finance/Government Services Committee, Human Services Committee, Public Safety Committee and Transportation/Land Use Committee. The Standing Committees consider and discuss issues related to their specific functions and provide recommendations to the full Board for those that require Board action.

The Board also appoints more than 30 other commissions and committees which serve in an advisory capacity on topics ranging from open space to economic development to community services.



# Election Districts



Loudoun County has eight election districts. The district boundaries are based on population figures from the 2000 Census.

Year	Number of Registered Voters
FY 04	126,350
FY 05	141,720
FY 06	147,367 (estimated)



Members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors (from left, facing page): Scott K. York, Bruce E. Tulloch, Jim Burton, Lori Waters, Sally R. Kurtz, Stephen J. Snow, Jim Clem, Eugene Delgaudio and Mick Staton.

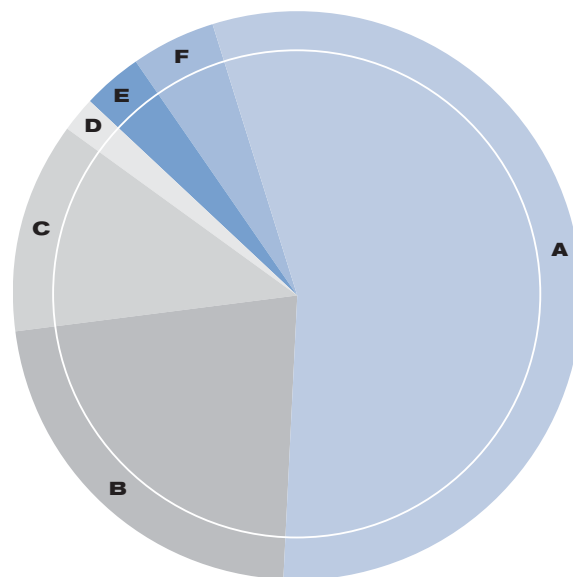
# Budget, Finance and Management

FY 2006 REVENUES (MILLIONS) TOTAL: \$1,230.6

<b>A</b>	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 586.5	55.6%
<b>B</b>	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 234.2	22.2%
<b>C</b>	OTHER LOCAL TAXES	\$ 127.1	12.0%
<b>D</b>	PERMITS AND LICENSES	\$ 20.9	2.0%
<b>E</b>	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 35.4	3.4%
<b>F</b>	OTHER*	\$ 50.9	4.8%
	TOTAL	\$ 1,055	100%

Note: Revenue chart does not include \$165.6 million in proceeds from sale of bonds, and \$10 million from lease purchase financing.

\*Other includes: Gifts & Donations, Use of Money & Property, Recovered Costs, Fines & Forfeitures, Miscellaneous Revenues



## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Loudoun County's excellent financial management has enabled it to join a select group of cities and counties that have achieved the top rating from all three major bond rating agencies.

In December 2005, Standard & Poor's (S&P) assigned Loudoun a bond rating of AAA, the agency's highest rating. S&P joined Fitch Ratings, which upgraded Loudoun to AAA earlier in 2005, and Moody's, which awarded Loudoun its first Triple-A bond rating in 2004.

In upgrading Loudoun's bond rating from AA+ to AAA, S&P stated that the ratings were raised "in recognition of strong tax base growth, high and rising wealth levels, and completion of a financial forecasting model that provides the county with another financial tool as it copes with ongoing development."

Standard & Poor's also said, "the county's historically low unemployment rate speaks to its economic strength" and the agency anticipates that "the county will continue to manage growth pressures, while maintaining its strong financial position."

All three bond rating agencies subsequently reaffirmed Loudoun County's triple-A bond ratings in June 2006. Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Ratings issued the ratings in advance of the sale of \$85 million in General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds.

In reaffirming Loudoun's AAA bond rating, Moody's cited "the county's strong, diverse, and growing tax base; high wealth levels; consistently solid financial performance; and moderate but increasing debt levels," adding that it expected these factors to remain favorable. Moody's said that it "anticipates that the experienced management team's history of prudent fiscal management will support maintenance of strong fiscal flexibility."

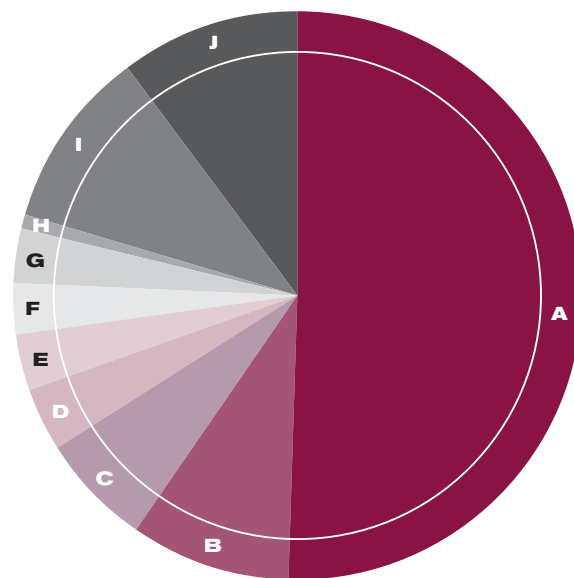
In issuing its AAA rating, Standard & Poor's cited Loudoun County's "rapidly growing economic and employment base..., continued strong tax base and employment growth, one of the highest wealth and income levels of all U.S. counties, [and] strong financial performance and good reserves."

Fitch's report reaffirming Loudoun's AAA rating stated that "Loudoun has managed to build and maintain ample reserves in all governmental operating funds while addressing significant school capital and operating needs," noting that "growth pressures continue to be managed successfully, highlighting the county's fundamental commitment to long-term fiscal stability."

The high bond ratings mean that the county will be able to obtain the most favorable interest rates when selling bonds to finance the construction of schools and other necessary capital facilities.

## FY 2006 EXPENDITURES (MILLIONS) TOTAL: \$1,105.8

<b>A</b>	EDUCATION	\$558.4	50.5%
<b>B</b>	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$100.1	9.1%
<b>C</b>	HEALTH AND WELFARE	\$71.1	6.4%
<b>D</b>	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$39.4	3.6%
<b>E</b>	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$35.9	3.2%
<b>F</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$31.8	2.9%
<b>G</b>	PUBLIC WORKS	\$34.7	3.1%
<b>H</b>	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$9.1	0.8%
<b>I</b>	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$112.4	10.2%
<b>J</b>	DEBT SERVICE	\$112.9	10.2%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,105.8</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Among other accomplishments in FY 06:

- The county received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- The Virginia Department of Taxation certified to the State Corporation Commission that the Loudoun County assessment/sale ratio for 2006 was 96.8 percent. This was an improvement of 24.8 percent over the 2005 ratio of 72 percent.
- In April, Loudoun residents were given the ability to review and update their personal property accounts online. Nearly 1,700 accounts were updated online using this new feature in the first three months.
- Residents also registered 9,177 vehicles online during FY 06.
- The county now issues combination bills for real estate taxes that include all taxes for any prior year along with any taxes for special tax districts.

### BUDGET AND TAXES

In April 2006, the Board of Supervisors adopted a budget totaling about \$1.4 billion for the county government and school system for FY 2007. The fiscal plan provided funding for several new initiatives, most of which address either critical public safety needs or the opening of capital facilities for human services clients.

The Board decreased the real property tax rate for FY 07 from \$1.04 to \$.89 per \$100 in assessed value. Coupled with an increase in the value of residential property assessments, the \$.89 tax rate resulted in an annual property tax bill increase of about 10 percent for the average homeowner.

About 73 percent of the \$746 million in local tax revenues will be used for school operating expenses and debt service, while 26 percent will fund general county operating expenses and debt service. The rest will be used to implement the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth. In all, local funding for the school system's operating fund increased by \$36 million (nine percent) in FY 07, while local funding for the general county government operations remained about the same.

Loudoun County received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the FY 06 budget document.

## TRIPLE-A TIMES THREE

In December 2005, Standard & Poor's assigned a bond rating of AAA to Loudoun County, joining Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings as the third major bond rating agency to give Loudoun its highest rating.

This upgrade in Loudoun's bond rating was the latest in a series of upgrades dating back nearly 20 years. These upgrades reflect the long-term strengthening of Loudoun County's finances as evaluated by three major bond rating agencies.

### *Loudoun's Bond Rating Upgrades*

July 1987	Moody's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from A1 to Aa
July 1989	Standard & Poor's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from A+ to AA-
July 1998	Standard & Poor's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from AA- to AA
August 1998	Moody's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from Aa to Aa2
July 1999	Moody's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from Aa2 to Aa1
May 2000	Fitch Ratings upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from AA to AA+
April 2001	Standard & Poor's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from AA to AA+
May 2004	Moody's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from Aa1 to Aaa
June 2005	Fitch Ratings upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from AA+ to AAA
December 2005	Standard & Poor's upgrades Loudoun's bond rating from AA+ to AAA

Other current and future CIP projects include:

- Public safety center for fire, rescue and law enforcement in Brambleton;
- Eastern and western Sheriff's substations;
- New fire and rescue stations in Aldie, Kirkpatrick Farms, Leesburg South, the Dulles/Rt. 28 area, and western Loudoun, and renovations to other stations;

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Loudoun County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a six-year forecast of general government and school facility, land and equipment needs accompanied by a financing plan to implement all projects. Total projected expenditures over the six-year CIP are about \$1.37 billion.

The CIP includes plans for building 11 elementary schools, two middle schools, and three high schools, as well as renovations to several older schools and land for future school projects. For the first time, the adopted CIP includes \$12.5 million in funding for preliminary engineering of highway improvement projects, to supplement state efforts.

- Modular additions to the Adult Detention Center;
- An expansion to the Juvenile Detention Center;
- Broadlands Recreation Center, Brambleton District Park and renovations to county community centers;
- Dulles South Library;
- Renovations to the school system's former administration building in Leesburg for use as a senior center and administrative headquarters for the county's library system; and
- Buildout of additional courtrooms to accommodate a new General District Court judge.



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### **MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS**

The Loudoun County Procurement Division received the Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute (NPI).

The Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award is a three-year accreditation for local, state, and federal agencies, which formally recognizes excellence in public purchasing by establishing a body of standards that should be in place for solid purchasing operations. Loudoun County has maintained this accreditation since 1999.

The NPI Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is presented to organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization.

A continued strong economy presented challenges attracting and retaining employees. A market salary study was completed and employee salary increases approved by the Board of Supervisors were implemented

to address labor market issues. Employee turnover rates of 12.5 percent were down just slightly from 12.8 percent the previous year. The county received over 17,000 job applications to fill approximately 400 positions.

A competitive bid for the county's self-funded health plan resulted in the reduction of administrative costs. The county introduced employee wellness and fitness programs, including wellness fitness challenges, health risk assessment tools and education programs. These programs will assist in managing health care costs over time.

The county hired Diane O'Grady as Telework Coordinator to promote a program designed to encourage and assist county employees to work from home when appropriate. The telework program will help reduce commuter traffic, alleviate some of the demand for office and parking space for county employees, and serve as a part of the county's contingency plans to enable many vital activities to continue in the event of a disruption.

Teleworkers appreciate the ability to better balance their personal and professional lives through reduced commute times, which often results in increased employee productivity and job satisfaction.

The county's continued commitment to excellent customer service was emphasized in an ongoing training program for frontline employees and observance of National Customer Service Week.



Capital projects include (facing page, from left): Dulles South Public Safety Center; park projects; and Claude Moore Recreation Center. Left, Anita Tierney participates in the county employees' wellness program. At right, Telework Coordinator Diane O'Grady discusses work-from-home issues with Paul Brown.



# Public Safety

Loudoun County's top public safety officials joined together in FY 06 to break ground for the Dulles South Public Safety Center in South Riding. The facility is the first of its kind in Loudoun, combining fire-rescue and law enforcement services in one location. The center will house operations for the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management in partnership with the Arcola-Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company.

## **HURRICANE RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Like many jurisdictions across the country, Loudoun County responded to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf States. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a donation of \$25,000 to hurricane relief and challenged other Virginia counties to match its commitment.

Loudoun participated in the regional response to the disaster by sending employees from a number of county departments to Louisiana and Mississippi. In addition to officials from the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management, the teams included representatives of the Departments of Animal Care and Control, Building and Development, General Services, Information Technology, and Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Substance Abuse Services.

Back home, many departments worked together to help the evacuees who had made their way to Loudoun, including the Department of Family Services, the Health Department, and the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services.

After being stymied in its efforts to send help to Louisiana, the Sheriff's Office was included in a blue-ribbon, national panel of law enforcement executives assembled by the National Sheriff's Association to look at how the country's sheriffs responded to, and were affected by, the hurricanes.

The hurricane relief effort illustrated the importance of emergency preparedness and provided valuable lessons for Loudoun County officials. County Administrator Kirby M. Bowers underscored the importance of emergency management planning, training and exercises in his "State of Emergency Planning and Preparedness" presentation to the Board of Supervisors and other community organizations, highlighting the measures the county has taken to plan and prepare for emergencies.

As part of an ongoing effort to prepare for a medically-related emergency, the Health Department organized "PotomEX 05," to test the county's plan for mass medication dispensing sites and to familiarize residents with the process of obtaining medications in the event of an emergency.

Health officials also worked closely with other government agencies and community groups to prepare for a possible flu pandemic.

## **FIRE, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Management developed a service plan, endorsed by the Board of Supervisors, that provides a framework for the development and growth of the fire-rescue system. The department also implemented a strategic plan that outlines the system's



goals and objectives while providing a clear picture of service delivery needs.

Work began in FY 06 on the expansion of the Fire-Rescue Training Facility, which will provide a state-of-the-art center for training Loudoun’s career and volunteer fire-rescue staff.

The department’s training division provided instruction to more than 3,500 career and volunteer personnel on subjects that included fire, rescue, hazardous materials, emergency medicine, special operations, leadership and management. The department acquired new equipment designed to enhance its response to incidents, including:

- A “total containment vessel,” which allows the Fire Marshal’s Office to transport explosives to a safe location for disposal. This was purchased through state homeland security funds.
- A command and communications unit put into service by the Office of Emergency Management. This vehicle is outfitted with a wide array of communications technology and is available for any county agency to assist in the management and resolution of a significant event.
- A 24-hour, career-staffed basic life support ambulance placed in service at the Aldie fire station. This unit provides emergency medical care to anyone who lives, travels or works in the western Route 50 corridor.

The department also enhanced its communications technology in several ways, including the placement of wireless access points in all stations and the automation of Geographical Information Systems information into the computer-aided dispatch system.

The Fire and Rescue Commission kicked off a multi-media campaign to recruit volunteers for fire and rescue stations across the county. Volunteers in the fire-rescue system donated more than 218,000 hours of firefighting and emergency medical services and more than 30,000 hours of public service work in non-emergencies in FY 06.

Year	Fire Incidents	Emergency Medical
FY 04	5,467	13,819
FY 05	5,736	14,367
FY 06	6,040	15,479

The Office of Emergency Management expanded the Community Emergency Response Team program, which is designed to train county residents in emergency preparedness, use of fire extinguishers, first aid, CPR, and basic search and rescue.

Through its “After the Fire” program, the department provided help in 21 cases to people who were affected by a fire in Loudoun County. Focusing on the personal needs of people whose lives are turned upside down by fire can greatly reduce the level of stress suffered by the fire victims.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law enforcement officials continued to combine forces with other government agencies in FY 06 to focus on crime prevention programs aimed at young people.

Edward A. Ryan III was hired as the new coordinator of the Gang Response Intervention Team (GRIT), a multi-agency team that serves as a resource for community-based educational programming, gang awareness presentations and seminars.

From left, facing page: the new headquarters for the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management; the PotomEX 05 mass medication dispensing exercise; the Sheriff’s motorcycle patrol; a sobriety checkpoint; and the Office of Emergency Management’s mobile command and communications unit.



The Sheriff's Office completed its 18th year of the DARE program, which is designed to help elementary school students make informed decisions to resist drug use, peer pressure, and violence.

The towns of Lovettsville and Round Hill officially welcomed their first community policing deputies. Community policing is based on the concept of building relationships between law enforcement and residential and business communities. The two towns join several other areas that are served by the Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit, including Sugarland Run, Newberry, Ashburn Village, CountrySide, Pembroke, and South Townhouses.

Sheriff's deputies removed 671 drunken drivers and 1,138 unsafe trucks from Loudoun's roadways during the year. The agency holds at least one truck safety and one driving-under-the-influence checkpoint every month.

In its effort to curb drinking and driving, the Sheriff's Office also rolled out a new tool to more effectively test suspected drunk drivers at all sobriety checkpoints. The Sheriff's Office converted a surplus county vehicle into a mobile alcohol testing unit, which is outfitted with a device to test suspected drunk drivers' blood alcohol levels.

The Sheriff's Office joined with First Lady Laura Bush at a White House Conference on Helping America's Youth. The conference focused on the various problems facing America's youth and solutions shown to be successful in overcoming those challenges.

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Loudoun County Adult Drug Treatment Court held its first graduation ceremony at the Loudoun County Courthouse. Each graduate completed all four phases of the program and maintained a considerable period of abstinence. The drug court model is a specially designed docket within an existing court system that focuses on non-violent, substance-abusing offenders.

The Loudoun County Community Corrections Program collected more than \$111,000 in restitution from offenders and distributed the money to those victimized by the offenders' crimes. The program collected more than \$206,000 in court costs and fines from offenders and turned the money over to the courts.

In FY 06, non-violent offenders provided more than 24,000 hours of community service throughout Loudoun County as an alternative to incarceration. Also, the program saved 130 jail beds each day through community supervision.

## COURTHOUSE WORK

The grounds of the historic Loudoun County Courthouse continued to be the scene of work as the Loudoun County Courts Project progressed in FY 06. Accomplishments included restoration of the exterior stairway of the courthouse, including the reconstruction of the stairway's stone caps and wing walls.



From left: Lovettsville Mayor Elaine Walker welcomes Sheriff Stephen O. Simpson and Deputy J. J. Davis; renovation work progresses on the historic courthouse; the Sheriff's Office conducts a truck safety inspection.



### **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

The jury management division of the Circuit Court Clerk's office implemented a new technology system that allows a resident to respond to a juror questionnaire through the Loudoun County website. The online registration system is easier, less expensive, and more efficient as it reduces the amount of time needed for staff to manually process the paperwork.

The Clerk's office acquired about \$54,000 in state grant funding from the Library of Virginia for preservation of historic records retained by the Clerk. The grant funding will finance preservation projects that will allow the office to use vital historic records for the county's 250th Anniversary celebration in 2007.

The office has already acquired valuable historic records, such as a deed signed by George Washington and a land grant executed by President James Monroe, from the Loudoun Museum. The Clerk of the Circuit Court possesses all of the court records dating back to 1757 when the county was formed, making it one of only a few circuit courts in Virginia that has all of the court records dating back to the county's formation.

### **COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY**

The Commonwealth's Attorney's office obtained a state grant for a prosecutor dedicated to domestic violence cases. The office also initiated law enforcement training programs and established a check enforcement program to protect businesses in Loudoun County against check fraud.

### **ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL**

Animal Care & Control expanded its Companion Animal Resource Effort (CARE), and provided nearly 800 pet owners with assistance. The program also won a Virginia Association of Counties Achievement Award. CARE is dedicated to providing pet owners in need with financial assistance, goods, and services to enhance the quality of life for their companion animals while keeping pets in loving, caring homes.

The department hosted and participated in approximately 40 outreach programs to promote pet adoptions and responsible pet ownership. These programs reached nearly 8,000 people ranging from Girl Scouts to Senior Citizens.

Over 1,000 animals were adopted from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter in FY 06. The spay/neuter voucher programs continued and provided for 100 animals to be altered for free in FY 06.

The department launched two new animal enrichment programs, the Feline Enrichment Program and the Canine Companion Readiness Program. These programs are helping to reduce the incidence of disease in the shelter, promote adoptability for animals with special needs, and generally improve the quality of life for the animals housed at the shelter.

The department inserted microchips in 286 pets at two different free clinics. The animals are now registered in the department's database, allowing them to be easily returned to their owners if they ever get lost and are brought to the shelter or found by an Animal Control Officer.



Left, the Circuit Court Clerk's Office is preserving historic records. Right, an Animal Control Officer holds puppies rescued from the Gulf Coast following the disastrous hurricanes.



# Community Planning and Environment

Loudoun County's fast-paced job and population growth continued in FY 06.

■ Nearly 8,000 jobs were added to the local economy, contributing to an increase in job growth of more than 130 percent in the past decade.

■ Over the past five years, Loudoun County led the Northern Virginia region with a population growth of 52 percent.

■ Loudoun was recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau as the fastest growing county in the nation – among counties with a population greater than 100,000 – between 2004 and 2005.

## TRANSPORTATION

The county's Commuter Bus Service continued to grow. Two new buses were put into service and funding was obtained for seven more commuter buses in the

Route 50 corridor. Meanwhile, ridership increased by 14 percent.

The Office of Transportation Services opened a new park-and-ride lot at Broad Run Farms, began development of a lot in Hamilton, and obtained approval to locate a permanent Leesburg

park-and-ride lot on Sycolin Road. The office helped the county obtain federal funding for road and transit projects totaling \$8.36 million.

Loudoun County began the process of updating the Countywide Transportation Plan by awarding a professional services contract to Michael Baker, Inc. to assist county staff with a comprehensive update of the plan. The plan serves as a guide for the orderly construction, maintenance and improvement of the county's transportation system.

The county awarded a design contract for the Waxpool Road expansion project and a preliminary design contract for safety improvements on Route 15 in the Lucketts area.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Work continued in FY 06 on several major policy initiatives, including proposed changes to land use policies in the Arcola area and Route 50 corridor, rural Loudoun and what is known as the Transition Area, which is located between the Suburban and Rural Policy Areas of the county.

The Board of Supervisors approved retirement housing policies for the county. The Board adopted amendments to the county's Comprehensive Plan designed to encourage and provide guidance and direction for the location and types of retirement housing opportunities.

The 465-acre Seven Hills rezoning application was also approved. It includes 1,112 residential units and the expansion of the Goose Creek Historic District.

The Zoning Ordinance Technical Review Committee continued its work in FY 06, and submitted to the Board of Supervisors a report addressing proposed changes for the rural zoning districts.

The Board of Supervisors voted to implement recommendations of the Route 50 Task Force, which was

### Commuter Bus Passenger Trips

Year	Trips
FY 04	392,901
FY 05	513,766
FY 06	602,333



From left: a Loudoun County Commuter Bus; building construction. Facing page: Main Street Loudoun; the Design Cabinet; and a scene from a Loudoun farm tour.



created by the Board to gain public input and make recommendations on key issues facing the corridor.

The task force recommended proposals for improving the appearance of the corridor in recognition of its position as a gateway to the county; transportation and infrastructure improvements; land use and zoning proposals; and proposals for economic development and tourism.

New construction of housing units fell in FY 06, although commercial building continued at a steady pace. The figures for FY 06 are:

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Inspections:	285,109
Building Permits:	57,824
Zoning Permits:	9,662
Land Development Applications:	1,623

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New initiatives were undertaken to reduce or eliminate overcrowding in homes throughout the county. The Board adopted and directed responsive enforcement of parts of the State Maintenance Code dealing with minimum space requirements.

Working with the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association and the National Association of Industrial & Office Properties, the county launched a cooperative effort to refine and improve the land development application process. The goal is to improve the county's part of the process as well as that of the home building industry and the commercial real estate sector.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Economic Development helped publicize Loudoun to an international audience through several German newspaper articles and the development of French and German marketing brochures.

A panel from the Urban Land Institute came to Loudoun to study and recommend options for a 100-acre, county-owned site in eastern Loudoun. The study resulted in a recommendation for an innovative public-private partnership that would result in business, educational, and recreational uses.

Members of the Design Cabinet contributed their time and provided their expertise at several worksessions during the year. These sessions featured architects, designers, planners and other volunteers working to encourage high quality physical design.

Following a year and a half of research and market testing, the department began incorporating its new logos, complete with the tag line "More Than You Imagine." The new logos are the first step in the department's new branding initiative.

Main Street Loudoun worked to strengthen the character and economic vitality of the county's historic towns with a series of special events, including a countywide beautification project and informational group meetings.



The department's rural team built upon its second successful Forum for Rural Innovation by developing a new Loudoun Twilight Tour series. The special evening tours were held at three of Loudoun's most innovative farms, and included presentations about each operation, followed by a dinner featuring locally produced farm products.

### **MAPPING**

The Office of Mapping and Geographic Information helped organize the first Loudoun Geographic Information System (GIS) Forum, bringing together more than 50 local GIS professionals from government and industry. The event was part of an effort to improve the way GIS professionals from the public and private sector work together and to help streamline and improve services to county residents and businesses.

The Mapping Office completed the first full update of the county's base map since 1980, providing improved data for stormwater management and other programs. The office also upgraded its standard, over-the-counter mapping to include all new topography and an option to add aerial photography.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Loudoun County Strategic Watershed Management Solutions team began working to organize a coordinated and efficient strategy to manage the county's water resources, utilizing the watershed as the basic unit of water resource management.

Through the Catoctin Creek Grant program, the Health Department assisted seven homeowners in repairing failing onsite sewage systems in the watershed, reducing the risk of a negative impact on the public's health and the health of the stream.

Forty-four percent more waste was processed and buried at the county's Solid Waste Management Facility in FY 06 than in FY 05. Construction began on another cell at the landfill, which will provide more than one million cubic yards of additional disposal capacity to keep pace with the increasing waste stream going to the facility.

Loudoun County's recycling rate continued to increase. Working with local businesses, solid waste collectors and special material recyclers, the Office of Solid Waste Management was able to document a 32 percent recycling rate, up from 25 percent in FY 05.

The office sponsored eight collection events for household hazardous waste, diverting 246,000 pounds of household chemicals for proper disposal. There were two events for small businesses, netting 2,400 pounds of potentially harmful materials for safe, cost-effective disposal.

Loudoun county residents disposed of 89,000 pounds of old computers and other waste electronics at the county's electronic recycling events, a 12 percent increase over FY 05.

The office reached 8,700 students in local elementary schools through the "Magic of Recycling!" program, funded by a Virginia Litter Prevention and Recycling Grant.



FY 06 saw continued emphasis on (from left) innovative agricultural programs, including the Loudoun Twilight Tours, and water resource management.



# Human Services

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

In preparation for a possible flu pandemic, the Loudoun County Health Department created a multi-jurisdictional task force, set up meetings with key community stakeholders, and began work on a county plan for pandemic flu preparedness.

The Health Department held a successful exercise of the county's mass medication dispensing plan through the PotomEX 05 event at Potomac Falls High School. The emergency preparedness drill simulated the response to a potential anthrax attack with the distribution of antibiotics to more than 750 people. In the exercise, jellybeans were used to simulate medication.

## **YOUTH INITIATIVE**

More than 1,500 young people attended the inaugural Loudoun Youth Fest held in May at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg. The event, sponsored by the Loudoun Youth Initiative, incorporated entertainment and education and provided information and outreach on healthy youth development. More than 100 volunteers helped ensure the success of the event.

The Loudoun Youth Initiative launched a teen-centered website, [www.loudounteens.org](http://www.loudounteens.org). The site reflects the vision and creativity of Loudoun County teens and incorporates their regular input in its content and direction.

The Youth Advisory Council completed its first year of operation, giving more than 50 young people direct involvement in local government. The council members represent all Loudoun County public and private high schools. The council advises the Loudoun Youth Initiative, the Advisory Commission on Youth and the Board of

Supervisors on the concerns, needs, and desires of young people in Loudoun.

Loudoun's community outreach efforts that helped launch the Loudoun Youth Initiative earned the county an award of excellence from the National Association of County Information Officers.

## **FAMILY SERVICES**

The Loudoun County Department of Family Services was ranked number one among local social service departments in the state for its work in the welfare reform program called Virginia's Initiative for Employment not Welfare.

The initiative is designed to reduce expenditures and require recipients to become more self-sufficient. The state ranks all local social service departments using the percentage of recipients who are employed, their average monthly earnings and the percentage who remain employed for at least five months.

The department's Child Protection Unit led all Northern Virginia jurisdictions for the number of investigations and assessments managed per worker. Loudoun County staff members are receiving 15 to 20 new cases per month, with some workers carrying a total of 30 to 40 cases.

Twelve students graduated from the Young Adults Project in FY 06. The program is a joint effort of the Department of Family Services and Loudoun County Public Schools. It provides intensive education for students who are at risk of expulsion or underachieving academically due to behavioral problems. The students receive a diploma from the Loudoun County Public Schools after completing all the course requirements for graduation.



From left: hundreds attended a public summit on pandemic flu preparedness; a nurse administers a flu shot; young people enjoyed new programs at the libraries.



## **MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION/ SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

The Parent Infant Education Program, the early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities, worked with 500 families and delivered 63 percent more hours of assessment services than in FY 05.

In January 2006, the Prevention and Outreach team of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division received a \$202,508 Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation Grant to provide a substance abuse prevention curriculum to youth and families in after-school programs. During FY 06, the same group initiated collaborative projects with Library Services, Loudoun County Public Schools, La Voz, and the Girl Scouts aimed at gang prevention, school success and substance abuse prevention.

The department's Community Outreach Program grew to include 17 churches and organizations. The program connects community volunteer groups and faith-based organizations with people with disabilities for recreational, social, and mentoring activities.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services staff admitted 178 high priority consumers coming from hospital care, residential services, women's shelters or other acute care settings, an increase of nearly 50 percent from FY 05.

In collaboration with the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, Mental Health services started two new Spanish language services: one for victims of domestic violence and one for perpetrators.

150 people attended Substance Abuse Services' annual "Celebration of Recovery" Awards night and a record number of people were reported to be maintaining recovery.

## **EXTENSION**

The Extension Office continued to expand its many popular programs, including the Reality Store, a role-playing simulation for high school seniors designed to educate them about making good financial choices. The program is a collaborative effort with the Loudoun Volunteer Financial Council.

The Extension Office helped provide information and resources to families about child care options with the annual Child Care and Resource Fair held in the spring. The office also offered "The Business of Family Child Care" several times throughout the year. The seminar is for people interested in operating a family child care business.

The Loudoun County Master Gardener volunteers shared their expertise with the public at monthly meetings and the seasonal "Lunch and Learn in the Garden" series. The series showcased the group's demonstration garden, which provides a practical exhibition of chemical-free gardening of a variety of vegetables, fruits and ornamental plants. The produce from the garden is donated to Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

Loudoun County's 4-H clubs participated in Global and National Youth Services Day in April. More than 70 4-H members cleaned up hundreds of pounds of trash along area roadways. All 4-H clubs in Loudoun County also participated in the Support the Troops program on May 20, Armed Forces Day. 4-H members collected toiletries and supplies for 23 soldiers in Iraq.

4-H reached over 2,250 local students by providing courses of study to elementary science teachers in the areas of embryology and electric energy.



From left: an outreach program of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division; a collection for people in need; the Master Gardener program.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

To meet an ever increasing public demand, the Loudoun County Public Libraries have adopted additional technological innovations as well as a wide variety of interesting programs for children, adults and teens.

A popular new format of audiobooks, called Playaways, is now available to customers at all branches of the Loudoun County Public Library. These portable digital audiobooks are smaller than a deck of cards with all of the controls contained in one unit. Customers can use them when walking or exercising in the gym, or through their car audio system.

To help library patrons find the information they need, the library system added numerous databases to its online collection. Highlights include:

- Consumer's Checkbook, which evaluates the quality and prices of local service firms and stores, such as auto repair shops, plumbers, dentists, banks, and insurance companies;
- Fiction Connection, which helps readers find titles similar to those they already enjoy, or browse titles by selecting a topic, genre, setting, character, location or timeframe; and
- Legal Forms, which provides a wide selection of legal, business and personal forms, including many popular legal forms specific to Virginia.

The Loudoun County Public Libraries also added five more self-checkout machines, increasing the percentage of circulation handled by these machines to 15 percent of the total circulation.

Loudoun County presented its second annual One Book-One Community offering, *Witness* by Karen Hesse. The countywide reading initiative attracted 3,500 residents to special programs, including school visits and a library program featuring the author of *Witness*. Through the Irwin Uran Gift Fund, 13,500 copies of the book were distributed to students and residents.

The Loudoun County Public Library initiated a weekly "After Hours" Teen Center at the Cascades Library. This service offers a safe, enriching environment with activities that focus on youth and provides the teens with a "place of their own."

The After Hours program, which began one year ago, now brings in more than 100 young people every Friday evening. The library's creative marketing to teens has been acknowledged through numerous state and national awards, including the John Cotton Dana Award, the most prestigious prize given by the American Library Association, and is serving as a prototype to other libraries in the country.

Five branches of the library now offer the Public Library Association's program, "Every Child Ready to Read."

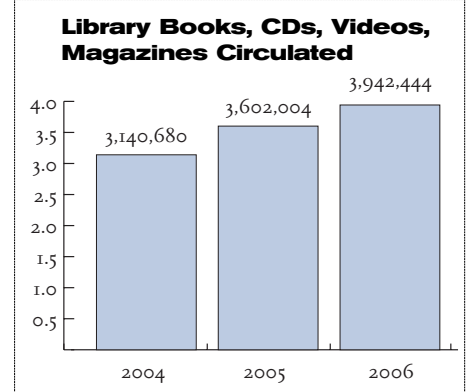
The multi-level series of early literacy and brain

development programs reinforces the idea that it is never too early to prepare children for success as readers. Parents and caregivers of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers meet with the librarians in a series of workshops which provide the adults with the vital tools necessary to help prepare parents for their critical role

as their child's first teacher. Selected titles are available in languages other than English.

Plans for the Rust Library renovation and expansion plans progressed with the help of community input. There were special group meetings with teens who participated in the design of the dedicated 4,000 square-foot Teen Zone that will be housed in the library.

The Summer Reading Program "Feed Your Mind @ the Loudoun County Public Library" encouraged 14,000 children and teens to keep reading during the summer vacation months. More than 600 teens contributed volunteer hours to the program.



Left, children show how they feel about their library.

Right, thousands of readers participated in the One Book-One Community program.



## **PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

As the number of families calling Loudoun County home continues to rise, the need for additional parks and recreational facilities grows, too. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) held ribbon cuttings for several new facilities in FY 06, including the Elizabeth Mills Riverfront Park, Kephart Bridge Landing and Bles Park.

automated online registration system. Use of WebTrac increased from 87,210 transactions in FY 05 to 96,381 in FY 06.

Focusing on youth activities has always been a priority for the department. In FY 06, PRCS served more than 3,400 children in licensed programs including childcare, preschool and after school programs for elementary and middle school-age students.

### **COUNTYWIDE SURVEY RESULTS**

Loudoun residents expressed high levels of satisfaction with county services in a telephone survey of about 1,000 randomly selected households conducted in November 2005.

The survey asked if anyone in the respondent's household had used selected county services, such as libraries, parks and recreation, fire and rescue, public schools, and the Sheriff's Office, within the last two years. For most of the designated services, over 90 percent of respondents gave ratings of "excellent" or "good."

Among the other survey results:

- 91 percent of respondents rated Loudoun's quality of life as good or excellent.
- Over 75 percent said that Loudoun County provides good value for the tax dollar.
- 98 percent said they feel safe in their neighborhoods.
- About 48 percent felt that the biggest problem facing Loudoun County is growth and development, and another 42 percent identified traffic and transportation issues as the biggest problem.
- 24 percent said the thing they like best about Loudoun is its rural character and countryside, while 22 percent cited location and proximity to shopping and the city.

In partnership with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, the Sterling Community Center ran a four-week summer outreach/gang prevention camp for 60 children.

PRCS also hosted many sporting events, including three national softball tournaments and the first United States Tennis Association sanctioned tournament for adults in Loudoun County. Children also had the chance to play on the courts when more than 60 children took in part in the annual Loudoun County Junior Tennis Open.

A wide range of activities keeps the public coming back year after year. Hundreds of people enjoyed the first annual Autumn Arts & Crafts Show at Claude Moore Park. In the spring of 2006, nearly 200 visitors tried their luck at the annual Fishing Day at Franklin Park.

In addition, work continues on major projects including the 20,000-plus sq. ft. Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling, the Carver Center in Purcellville and Edgar Tillett Memorial Park. Each of these new facilities will open to the public within the coming year.

In an effort to improve customer service, new signs were installed in PRCS facilities which promote awareness of the department's website and WebTrac, the department's

Enhancing the future of outdoor spaces in Loudoun, the National Park Service designated a new 15-mile section of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail located within Elizabeth Mills Riverfront Park.

The Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Board awarded program enhancement funds in the amount of \$380,000 for the Goose Creek Bridge rehabilitation project in FY 06.



Left, Claude Moore Recreation Center. Right, ribbon-cutting at the Kephart Bridge Landing.



# Information and Technology

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

The county also continued its efforts to engage and involve individuals and communities. The 14-year-old Leadership Loudoun program, co-sponsored by the county government, graduated a new class of 20 current and emerging community leaders.

The Volunteer Services program reached a new milestone with over 500 registered volunteers on its new volunteer-match website, [www.loudoun.gov/pio/volunteer.htm](http://www.loudoun.gov/pio/volunteer.htm).

Loudoun Volunteer Services also organized Make a Difference Day on October 22, 2005. The community response greatly exceeded expectations, as more than 660 gift baskets were donated to the Community Holiday Coalition for distribution to families in need.

The county received two Superior awards from the National Association of County Information Officers, for the 2005 Loudoun County Annual Report and extensive community outreach efforts that helped launch the Loudoun Youth Initiative.

## **[www.loudoun.gov](http://www.loudoun.gov)**

The Loudoun County website expanded to provide new information and online services in FY 06.

The number of pages viewed on the county website increased by 20 percent in FY 06, as users visited over 26 million pages. Among the most popular offerings on the website were a searchable list of employment opportunities with the county government, photos of animals available for adoption at the Animal Shelter, and information about transportation and commuting, parks and recreation programs, taxes and online payments.

New features on the county website included Board of Supervisors meeting webcasts, an online juror questionnaire, the ability to review and update personal property tax information online, and information about emergency preparedness and planning special events.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Loudoun County was recognized again in 2006 as one of most technologically advanced county governments in the United States.

The Center for Digital Government conducted a national survey of how county governments are evolving in their use of information

technology to deliver services to their citizens. The 2006 Digital Counties Survey placed Loudoun among the top ten counties in its population category for the third straight year.

Among the major information technology projects in FY 06 were:

- Two new citizen emergency notification systems – Reverse 911 for notifications by telephone, and Roam Secure for text notifications to e-mail, pagers, and cell phones
- Over 200 mobile data computers in Sheriff's cruisers for automated incident reporting from the field
- Webcasting of Board of Supervisors meetings
- A new Board of Supervisors meeting minutes management system that is cross-referenced to the Webcast archive.

Year	Website "Page Views"
FY 04	14.4 million
FY 05	22.2 million
FY 06	26.6 million



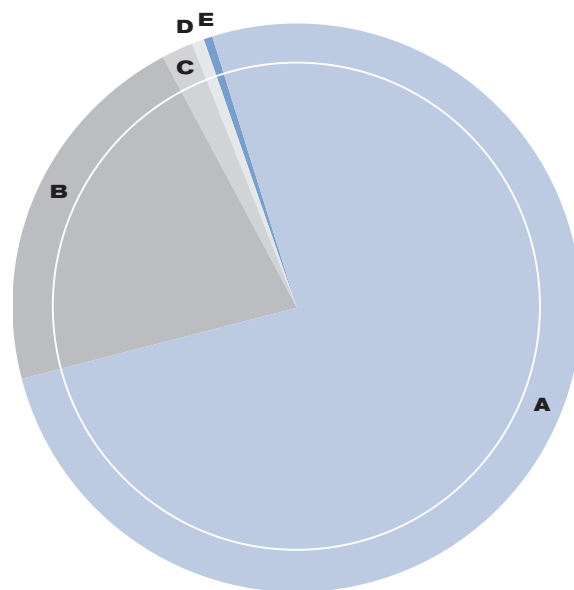
Participants in community outreach programs, including (from left): Youth in Government Day; Make a Difference Day; and Leadership Loudoun.



# Loudoun County Public Schools

FY 2006 REVENUES (MILLIONS) TOTAL: \$537.2

<b>A</b>	COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 407.1	75.8%
<b>B</b>	STATE	\$ 113.7	21.2%
<b>C</b>	FEDERAL	\$ 10.0	1.8%
<b>D</b>	OTHER LOCAL SOURCES	\$ 3.9	0.7%
<b>E</b>	FUND BALANCE	\$ 2.5	0.5%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$537.2</b>	



## OVERVIEW

The education of Loudoun County's young people continued to be among the very highest priorities of the Board of Supervisors in FY 06. Public school funding remained the largest single category of the county budget, with about 73 percent of local tax funding being allocated to support school operations and debt service.

In the FY 07 budget process, the Board of Supervisors authorized an increase of \$36 million (nine percent) in local funds for Loudoun County Public Schools' (LCPS) operations, to help the school system meet the needs of the rapidly growing student population.

School enrollment grew nearly eight percent in just one year, from 44,014 in 2004-2005 to 47,467 at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. The school system hired 675 new teachers, bringing the total number of teachers to 4,093.

Five new schools – Briar Woods and Freedom High Schools, and Legacy, Newton-Lee and Pinebrook Elementary Schools – opened in the fall of 2005, bringing the total number of schools to 68.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The public is invited to attend and participate in School Board meetings held in open session at the LCPS Administrative Offices, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, Virginia 20148. Second Tuesday meetings convene at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; fourth Tuesday meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

In July, August and December, no fourth Tuesday meetings are planned. Persons wishing to address the School Board should call the Superintendent's Office, 571-252-1020. Meeting agendas are available in all schools and from the LCPS Public Information Office, 571-252-1040.

## LCPS HIGHLIGHTS

LCPS students scored an average of 525 on the critical reading section of the SAT (formerly known as the verbal section), compared to the Virginia average of 512 and the national average of 503. On the math section of the test, Loudoun students averaged 528, compared to a 513 statewide average and a nationwide average of 518. The SAT's writing section was new this year. Loudoun students scored an average of 508 on this section of the test, compared to a 500 average in Virginia and a 497 average across the United States.

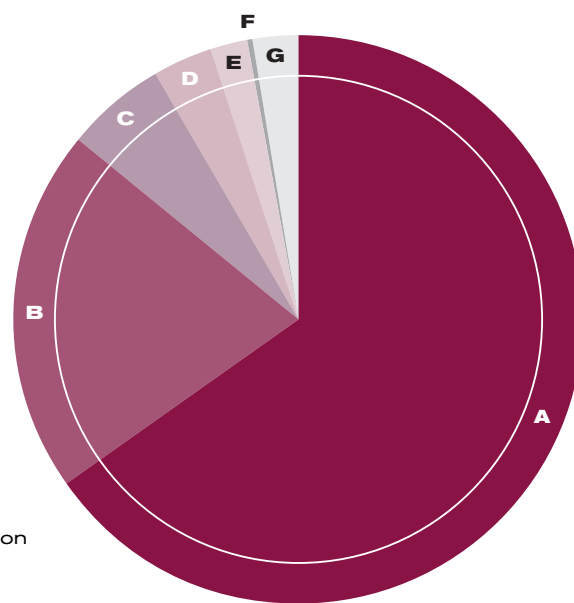
Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available to high school students in history, English, mathematics, science, and foreign languages. During the 2005-2006 school year 3,550 (39.4 percent) of the students in grades 10 through 12 took an AP course. Altogether, these students took 6,165 AP courses.

CAMPUS (College Achievement – a Minority Program for Unique Students) is an academic and college-preparation program that serves selected students in grades nine through 12. CAMPUS is a guidance services project of

## FY 2006 EXPENDITURES (MILLIONS) TOTAL: \$536.5

<b>A</b>	PERSONNEL COSTS	\$ 349.8	65.2%
<b>B</b>	FRINGE COSTS	\$ 110.9	20.7%
<b>C</b>	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, MINOR EQUIP.	\$ 30.5	5.7%
<b>D</b>	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 18.3	3.4%
<b>E</b>	UTILITIES	\$ 11.2	2.1%
<b>F</b>	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 1.6	0.3%
<b>G</b>	OTHER*	\$ 14.2	2.6%
	TOTAL	\$536.5	100%

\*Other includes: Communication, Insurance, Internal Services, Leases & Rentals, Mileage Reimbursement, Training & Continuing Education



Loudoun County Public Schools seeks to provide support and encouragement to students. It is designed to meet the specific needs of minority and first-generation college students. Since it started in the spring of 2002, CAMPUS has served 272 students. Thirty-six seniors graduated from the program in May 2006.

Head Start completed its 13th year in Loudoun County Public Schools. This program is 80 percent federally-funded, with the remainder of its expenses coming from local funds. Head Start is designed to meet the needs of 3- and 4-year-olds living in families with very limited financial resources. Head Start served 127 students in 2005-2006. There are six Head Start centers.

Loudoun County Public Schools finished the 2005-2006 school year with 2,312 active English as a Second Language (ESL) students. These students spoke 70 languages. The ESL program is designed to help students who do not speak English as their native language gain the ability to understand, speak, read and write English at a level where they can function in American society. ESL services are offered from kindergarten through the senior year in high school. Students receive ESL services at their home school or at the nearest school with available ESL services.

### SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board is responsible for the operation of the county's public schools in accordance with State Department of Education regulations. School Board members are elected every four years in the November general election with one member elected for each of the

eight electoral districts and one member elected at-large. Loudoun's third elected School Board was chosen in November 2003 and took office January 1, 2004.

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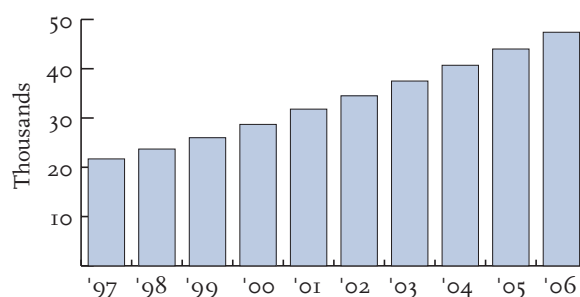
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### The Rise in Enrollment



# Facts and Figures

## POPULATION

	Population	Households
1980*	57,427	18,670
1990*	86,129	30,490
2000*	169,599	59,900
2005**	241,963	87,531
2010**	312,802	112,661

Source:

\* U.S. Census Bureau

\*\* Loudoun County 2005 Annual Growth Summary population estimates

## AGE CHARACTERISTICS

<5	21,522	8.9%
5-18	53,324	22.0%
19-24	14,968	6.2%
25-44	88,413	36.5%
45-64	51,026	21.1%
65-74	7,538	3.1%
75+	5,172	2.1%

Source:

U.S. Census Bureau

Loudoun County 2005 Annual Growth Summary population estimates

## RACE/ETHNICITY CHARACTERISTICS

White	178,553	73.8%
Black	17,215	7.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	28,155	11.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	404	0.2%
Other	11,314	4.7%
Two or more races	6,230	2.6%
Hispanic	22,428	9.3%

\* Hispanic is an ethnicity and can be any race

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey

Loudoun County 2005 Annual Growth Summary

## AVERAGE INCOME

Median Household  
\$98,483

Source:

U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey

## HOUSING INVENTORY (2005)

Single family detached	48,844	53.8%
Single family attached	24,412	26.9%
Multifamily	17,448	19.2%

Source:

Loudoun County 2005 Annual Growth Summary

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (2006-2007)

Public school enrollment	50,740
Cost per pupil	\$12,467
Number of schools	68
SAT scores, math	539
SAT scores, verbal	534

Source: Loudoun County Public Schools

## LABOR FORCE (JUNE 2006)

Civilian labor force (Loudoun County)	147,506
Unemployment rate (Northern Virginia)	1.9%

Source: Virginia Employment Commission

## AT PLACE EMPLOYMENT (1st Quarter 2006)

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	325
Mining	216
Utilities	86
Construction	15,265
Manufacturing	5,078
Wholesale Trade	3,217
Retail Trade	15,162
Transportation and Warehousing	9,987
Information	9,437
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	3,778
Services	42,163
Government: State	864
Government: Local	13,404
Government: Federal	4,319
Total	123,301

Source: Virginia Employment Commission

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS\*

America Online	Over 5,000
Homeland Security	1,000-4,999
Inova Loudoun Hospital	1,000-4,999
Verizon	1,000-4,999
Toll Brothers	1,000-4,999
U.S. Postal Service	1,000-4,999
United Airlines	1,000-4,999
Airline Pilots Association	500-999
Benchmark Conference Resort (Lansdowne)	500-999
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority	500-999
Orbital Sciences	500-999
Southland Concrete	500-999
Swissport USA, Inc.	500-999
USDOT	500-999

\* Excludes local government

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Second Quarter 2005

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